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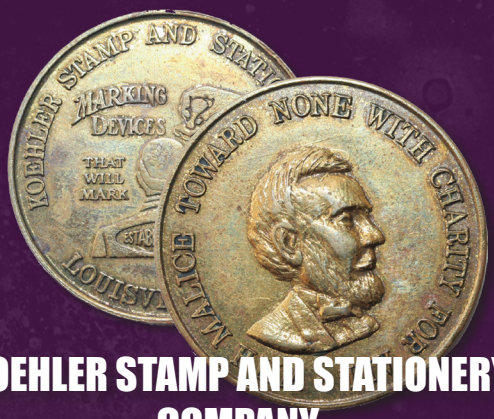

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You'll see hundreds of tokens—ranging from under $100 to many under $500, to a few over $5,000, the last being great rarities, typically in Gem Mint State. The catalogue begins with patriotic tokens and continues to list store cards in state order, from Alabama to Wisconsin. Most are pedigreed to great collections of the past, including Virgil M. Brand, Julius Guttag. Cindy Grellman, Herman Aqua, Chris Urquhart, Dr. James Holtel, Wayne Stafford, the personal collections of both Richard Rossa and Steve Tanenbaum, and other connoisseurs.

If Civil War tokens are new to you, go to the Civil War Token Society website and order a copy of the (relatively) new hardbound color-illustrated third edition of *United States Civil War Store Cards*, edited by John Ostendorf, who spent years gathering information about rarity, history, and more. I wrote the front part that tells of the history of collecting. The 6th edition of *United States Patriotic Civil War Tokens* by George and Melvin Fuld is now in the process of production and should be available on the CWTS website in a month or two.

If you would like to join the CWTS the annual dues are just $18. Rather amazing.

I was a founder of the Token and Medal Society, as here, and also the Civil War Token Society and have given many programs and written many articles for each. Many of us belong to both groups, as the two are interrelated.

For your possible further interest check the Whitman Publishing LLC website and you will find my *Guide Book of Hard Times Tokens* and *Guide Book of Civil War Tokens* plus a book I co-authored with Katherine Jaeger (a descendant of famous diecutter George H. Lovett), *The 100 Greatest American Medals and Tokens*. Each title has been a best seller for Whitman.

In the meantime, e-mail me to request my Civil War token list and I'll send the latest version. If I have your name already, you are all set. If not, I think you will enjoy the list and may find some items of special interest.

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A Medal for Early Environmental Protection in Florida

James A. Farr

Editor's note: On December 7, 2018, a dear friend of mine, Jim Farr, passed away at the age of 69. Jim is well known in the Central Asian and Islamic numismatic world, especially for his near-legendary collection of coins from the Golden Horde and related Mongol khanates. Among his numismatic specialties, Jim also collected Florida tokens. He wrote the following article in 2013 for the Florida Token Society and the Florida Office of Environmental Services, Division of State Lands and is presented here as a small tribute to Jim and his contributions to numismatics and exonumia.

As many of you already know, one of my interests outside of work is coin collecting. One of my collecting interests is Florida tokens and medals related to our natural resources, tourist attractions, local festivals and local history.

I have recently discovered some interesting history about a particularly nice and significant medal issued by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs that I acquired on eBay a couple of years ago. Only one side of the medal had been photographed, so all I saw was a nice Florida nature scene with the name of the Federation below. When I finally received it and was able to examine both sides, I discovered that I had not only a really attractive medal, but one of incredible historical significance with respect to efforts to preserve the Florida Everglades.

The reverse of the medal has the inscription "Token that You Have Helped to Protect the Royal Palm State Park from Fire." I am very familiar with Florida's state park system, but I had never heard of Royal Palm State Park, nor did I know of the role of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in early efforts in conservation in Florida. As it turns out, Mrs. Mae Mann Jennings (1872-1963), wife of Governor William S. Jennings (1901-1905), was President of the Federation from 1914-1917. She was an avid conservationist, active on behalf of the Florida Board of Forestry and the Audubon Society and an early proponent of protecting the Everglades, decades before Marjorie Stoneman Douglas became interested in the cause. Mrs. Jennings had learned of an important natural area in Dade County near Homestead and Florida City known as Paradise Key, a beautiful palm hammock surrounded by what we now call the Everglades.

After much effort, Mrs. Jennings managed in 1915 to arrange a donation of 960 acres to the Federation from Mrs. Henry M. Flagler. Another 960 acres was ceded to the Federation from the State of Florida. In 1916, the Federation opened the 1,920-acre Royal Palm State Park (actually a misnomer, as it was never part of the

Florida system of state parks), which included Paradise Key. A lodge offering pleasant rooms, hot and cold water and electric lights was built in 1916. In 1921, the State of Florida ceded another 2,080 acres to the Park to bring the total area to 4,000 acres, and the Federation operated the park and lodge until 1947. Revenues from lodging and meals and from growing Royal Palms for sale financed operation of the park.

In 1947, the Federation donated the Royal Palm State Park to the U. S. Department of the Interior to become part of Everglades National Park, and Mrs. Jennings was seated on the stage with President Harry S. Truman when the park was dedicated. Royal Palm State Park was the very first land set aside for natural resource protection in what is now the Everglades National Park. The original Royal Palm State Park was located off the Gumbo Limbo Trail and is now the east entrance to the National Park south of Homestead. The hard part of Anhinga Trail was the Old Ingraham Highway, built first in 1916 to access the State Park.

I have learned more about the medal. Sometime around 1921, the Federation began an effort to raise $25,000 to build a moat around Paradise Key to protect it from fire. According to a brochure produced by the Federation, "a beautiful medal is being offered" to commemorate gifts to the fund. (The brochure can be seen at http://fulltext10.fcla.edu/cgi/t/text/pageviewer-id=2eb0fa1f59366b9c80d9c22fdce8ae5d;rgn=full%20text;idno=RTEP00080001;a=48;view=jpg;node=RTEP00080001%3A1;seq=1). The fundraising effort was apparently successful, as there is indeed a man-made moat with water year round that attracts an abundance of wildlife. The medal thus marked one of the early efforts in Florida to protect and manage our natural lands, an effort that later evolved into one of Florida's greatest ecological treasures. As we continue efforts to restore the ecology of South Florida, it is nice to hold a small memento of where it all began.

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Go To Ma's: The Brothel Token That Wasn't

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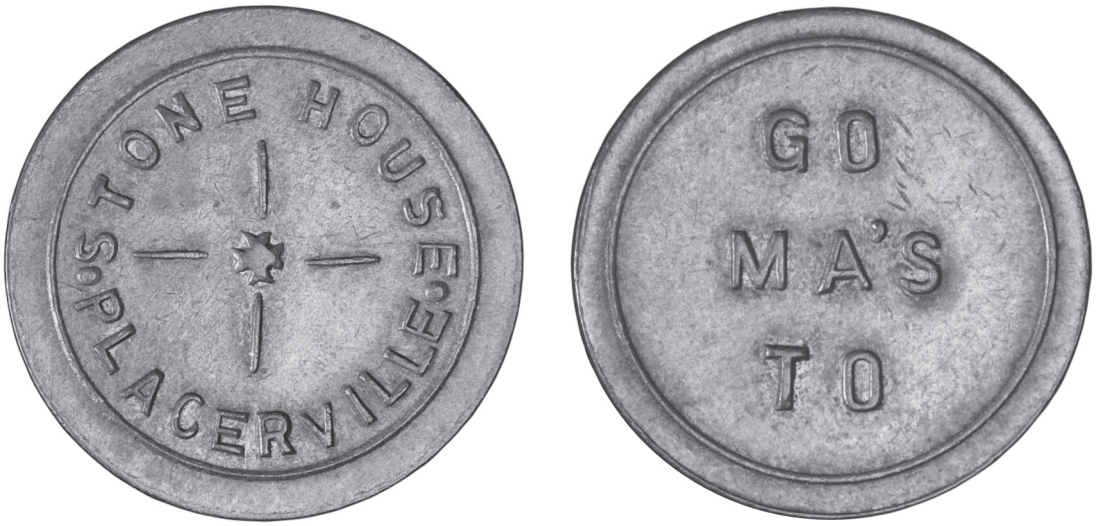

Go To Ma's, Stone House, Placerville reads the modest legend of a 21mm brass trade check. According to the late Ron Lerch of Sacramento the piece was manufactured in his city by the Henry Sleeper Company sometime between 1910 and 1920, probably closer to 1915. Based on the six-word legend a number of collectors came to believe these small metal discs and their companions were brothel advertising coins because of the very conventional name, "Stone House."

Stone House stands apart from other structures on the Pacific Street of Placerville, the latter a major Gold Rush settlement of Nineteenth Century California, sometimes called Hangtown. As a small piece of the wider city Stone House itself is not eye-catching but also not homely. Sightseeing visitors could easily pass by with perhaps a quick glance. A brass plaque on the lower front, though, usually arouses their curiosity. One sentence on said panel points to an episode in local history - "Stone House is famous for its historical significance as an old Chinese brothel."

While the name "Stone House" is not a catchy one the site is widely known, and if mentioned to residents of El Dorado County and Placerville they would immediately know what was being discussed - and no doubt have plenty to add. There is no other "Stone House" in the area by that name.

As the story goes a brothel opened there in the 1860s and carried on through the late 1800s lasting until the mines petered out. At one point a tunnel was excavated under Stone House reportedly dug by local miners extending to what is now 352 Main Street, today the Placerville Art Gallery.

Stone House
(courtesy of Syd Whittle, Historical Marker Database)

The area is eminently rich in local stories like every locality along State Highway 49. Two suggest unusual purposes for the tunnel: 1) to transport Chinese girls unobserved to Main Street to the lonely men in nearby hotels; and 2) for miners as an escape route from wives who would suddenly arrive with mayhem in mind. While there may well be other accounts yet uncollected local historians have united in the certainty that a Chinese brothel did flourish at Stone House.

Obtaining tokens from Gold Rush towns and sites has always been popular among Californians, at least the ones who collect things. Higher prices than average can often be demanded, more than for most big city trade checks. The bordello element here gives Ma's

token an added zest keeping collector interest (and prices) well above average.

Being one of those assemblers of "things" I cared less about the brothel end of it. I saw the word *Ma* and thought it to be Chinese-related, one of my main interests these days. The name *Ma* is common and there are Chinese tokens on which *Ma* is definitely a surname. It turned out here that *Ma* was indeed Chinese *and* the name of the token's issuer, however it was not a family name as I expected.

In the middle of June, 2018, I received an email from the El Dorado County Historical Museum after a lengthy inquiry. My informant had spent considerable time poring over directories and newspapers relating to the decade between 1910 and 1920. His comments included the following:

> *"During this point of time Sadie Hing (Tye) or Mrs. Sadie Hall, had an establishment in this* (Stone House - jfs) *building. She supplied room and board for Chinese laborers, made lunches and collected wages*. (It was not a bordello - jfs) *for which I have found no proof."*

From this revelation and other sources I concluded that: 1) there was no brothel at Stone House when the *Go To Ma's* token was issued; 2) that Stone House was at the time of issue a lodging for migrant Chinese agricultural and perhaps mine workers; 3) that the word Ma on the token was Chinese for "mother" (as in Mother Superior) and that Sadie Hing Tye or Sadie Hall accepted the title of Ma when used in reference to herself by her Chinese guests; and 4) that the token itself was more likely directed at labor contractors, an invitation to move their gangs to Stone House during jobs. Laborers would have been mostly illiterate in English while the contractors, who were probably Caucasian or long-term Chinese residents, were not.

Sadie was likely called something like *Ma Hing Tye* by her boarders, not madame. To the rest of Placerville she was Mrs. Sadie Hall. She was certainly the Ma on the token.

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Merchant Token Ephemera from Wilsey, Kansas

(Wichita State University Libraries Special Collections)

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As we move further away in time from first hand experience with the use of trade tokens, we lose touch with the mechanics of their use in local economies. Although it has been illegal for individuals, corporations, and banks to issue private coinage since 1864, courts have upheld the legality of private coinage as long as it circulated locally and was redeemable in services or goods. Scrip, localized currency, facilitated business in remote coal and lumber camps, as well as in small farming communities. While popular, as evidenced by the 100,000s of unique issues that fill our token catalogs, the use of scrip or trade tokens was not without its challenges since tokens are not actual money.

Orrahood's "Demise of the 'Flickers'" published in the October 1961 issue of *The Numismatist* provides a first hand view of how coal companies used tokens—flickers—to extend credit to their employees and often maintain their indebtedness to the company. The use of tokens was largely abandoned after the Kirk Coal Company in Kentucky was forced to redeem a significant holding of the tokens for full face value in legal tender after losing a 1940 court case. Local merchants generally agreed to accept a fifty percent discount when redeeming the tokens over the previous 25 years, which allowed the tokens to circulate as a form of cash. The discounted rate was essentially a cut in pay for the employee even though it provided instant access to needed cash. One local merchant, whether a new participant in the local economy or one who tired of the practice is unknown, demanded full payment for the tokens. The coal company refused, sparking the court case.

According to Orrahood, the court affirmed, "the only perfect media of exchange is the legal tender of the United States." He cites R.R. Kirkpatrick, General Manager of the Beech Creek Coal Company as remembering:

> We discontinued the use of these checks when someone decided to collect in cash the full amount of the checks. When he won out, all the mining companies discontinued their use, and made the work charges in the mens' account. When we did away with the use of these checks, we destroyed them as fast as they came in and I do not know where I can get hold of any now.

Outstanding trade tokens became liabilities against the company's accounts if they were allowed back into circulation.

I recently acquired two pieces of exonumia ephemera from competing general stores in Wilsey, Kansas that expand on Orrahood's insights into the use of trade tokens. The first is a 1907 store copy of an order for tokens with notations for the number received, the price, and a second set of notations that may represent the number actually issued or redeemed. The second is a copy of a letter to the community from a competing business announcing the withdrawal of their tokens and the reasoning behind doing so. Taken together, they provide a first-hand look into the use of trade tokens in a small Kansas farming town.

Marc Evans, a former resident with roots in Wilsey, compiled a history of the town based on historical documents and first hand accounts from his own family and others. When the railroad announced plans for a new rail line through Kansas, John D. Wilsey from Ohio acquired land adjacent to holdings previously purchased by his relatives that fell along the probable right-of-way. Wilsey laid out his vision of a town, surveyed and established the lots, and filed a plat map to become the fifth town in Morris County in 1884. In 1886, the Missouri Pacific Railway began promoting the establishment of towns to serve as stations to water

their steam engines. Wilsey responded by ceding a right-of-way that bisected his land. By gifting the easement to the railroad, Wilsey ensured his fledgling town would become a railroad stop.

Potential businesses were attracted to the town through offers of free lots if they relocated to Wilsey. Among the first to accept the offer was C. R. Francis and he established the first general store in 1884. Three more general stores, a drug store, and a livery opened over the next few years in addition to a lumberyard. While several more general stores, a dry-goods store, and a grocer opened and closed in the 1890s, only C. R. Francis survived the competition by 1900.

Wilsey had a population of 181 in 1891. While the population fluctuated over time, it never grew above 350 and stands around 150 in 2018. After the initial expansion of the small town, growth stalled around 1890 until the end of 1906. Notably, three banks had opened and only one survived. Despite its fits and starts, the town incorporated in 1910.

C. R. Francis built his general store into the largest, prosperous business in town in the early 1900s. He took on his son-in-law, Frank S. Riegel, as a full partner and expanded into a two-story building with the business occupying the first floor. The second story was used for community and lodge meetings. I grew up in a small northern California farming town with a one-block business district. The local general merchant was similarly housed in a two-story building and I can remember visiting the second floor with my father to play horseshoes (hard rubber, not steel) in the Odd Fellows Lodge that occupied the space.

Figure 1: The Francis and Riegel general store in Wilsey, Kansas ca. 1905.

(Morris County Historical Society)

Francis and Riegel included a women's clothing department, men's overalls and shoes, and a grocery department. Johnson and Oller's *Kansas Trade Tokens* lists seven aluminum tokens in denominations from five cents to five dollars and a one-cent cardboard token for the business. The tokens are classified as Common.

FRANCIS & RIEGEL
WILSEY, KANS.
GOOD FOR 10¢ IN MERCHANDISE
GOOD FOR 50¢ IN MERCHANDISE
GOOD FOR $3.00 IN MERCHANDISE
GOOD FOR $1.00 IN MERCHANDISE

Figure 2: Sample Francis and Riegel tokens. The $3 obverse at top, with the 10¢, 50¢, $1.00 and $3.00 reverses. Tokens were also issued in 5¢, 25¢, and $5.00 denominations. A 1¢ cardboard token was issued as well. All the tokens I have observed are countermarked with F. S.

Johnson and Oller briefly describe the use of general merchandise tokens in agricultural communities in Kansas. Most agricultural income arrived in summer and fall with families falling short of funds in winter and spring. General stores offered credit to see their customers through, but the many transactions became problematic to track.

I happen to have a 1913 Lacomb, Oregon general store credit-tracking book in my family archives. The book illustrates a typical tracking system in use at the time without tokens. The book belonged to S. C. Hyder, my great-grandfather, and records his transactions with the general store owned by B. F. Raines, my great-great uncle. The Lacomb census precinct was a little larger than Wilsey in area and population (approximately 500), but the unincorporated town itself was never larger than 50-100 residents. It depended on timber as well as agriculture for its local economy. Like Wilsey, many of the families were related through local marriages. The pages of the book shown here illustrate the accounting system. The left hand pages document Credits and the right hand pages document Debits. The first two-page spread shows a positive carry-forward of $20.85 plus a twenty-cent credit for Buckets. I assume the entry reflects a bucket of something rather than an actual bucket.

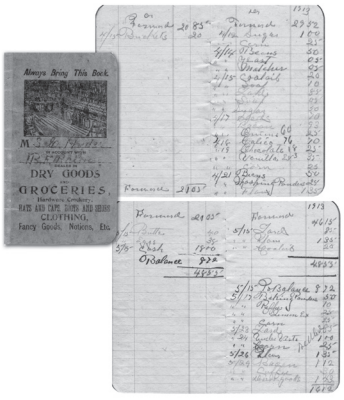
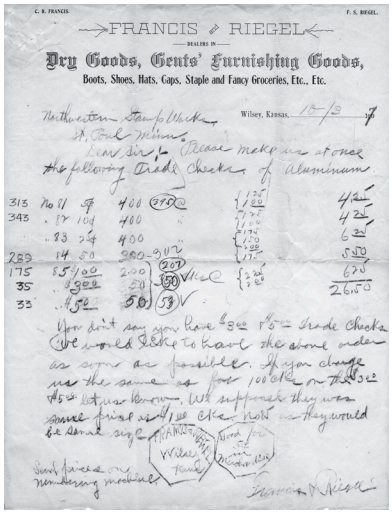


Figure 3: Samuel Hyder's 1913 credit book for business transactions with the B. F. Raines general store in Lacomb, Oregon.

The second two-page spread shows a settlement on May 15. The Hyders tendered butter, eggs, and cash to settle most, but not all of their debt. They bought lard, flour, and coal oil at the same time. That left them with a debt of $8.72, the new "To Balance" reflected in the right hand column below the ink lines. That column was over written "settled" at a later date. The debits continue over the next few pages and the last page notes a summary of credits from June through December of cash payments and unspecified goods purchased by the store and described as "Worth." The book was settled on December 15 with credits and debits balancing to zero for the year.

The case of Francis and Riegel in Wilsey, Kansas illustrates the token alternative to the credit/debit book. To ease bookkeeping, a store would issue one large credit in tokens and then accept those tokens in exchange for needed goods. The debt would then be settled at harvest time. Small denominations served to make change for larger denominations. The store would also purchase goods with tokens. Tokens allowed them to purchase fresh goods locally without expending cash, and the tokens ensured their customers would remain with them as opposed to buying from a competing business.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Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishing Goods,
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Etc., Etc.
Wilsey, Kansas.

Figure 4: The Francis and Riegel order for trade tokens.

Francis and Riegel's 10/3/1907 order for tokens is the first document discussed here. I am unsure if it is the original copy of the order or a copy made with transfer paper onto a separate piece of stationary. The order is addressed to the Northwestern Stamp Works, St. Paul Minn. It references catalog numbers to identify trade checks of a particular style, in this case octagonal aluminum. Numbers 81 through 85 are specific denominations in the catalog with the prices following. For example, the first 100 5¢ tokens were $1.25 and each additional lot of 100 were $1.00 each. The Northwestern Stamp Works catalog did not mention $3.00 or $5.00 tokens, but Francis and Riegel asked if they could be made in the same size as the $1.00 tokens for the same price. They summed the three denominations to a total of 300 with the first 100 at $2.25 and the additional 200 at $2.00 each.

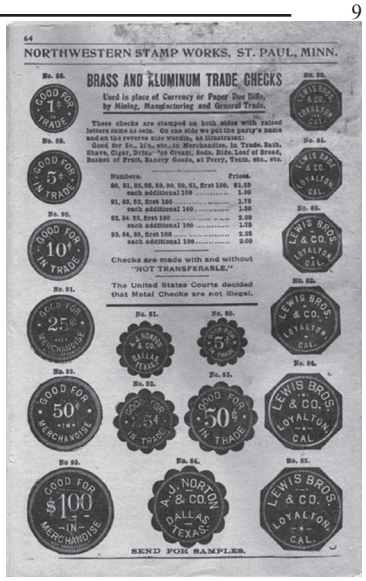
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Figure 5: The trade check page from a Northwestern Stamp Works product catalog.

The Trade Check page from a Northwestern Stamp Works page shows the styles offered and their catalog numbers. The page notes the trade checks were used "in Place of Currency or Paper Due Bills, by Mining, Manufacturing or General Trade." The catalog entry also notes "The United States Courts decided that Metal Checks are not illegal." As an aside, the octagonal tokens are shown with the name Lewis Bros. & Co. in Loyalton, Cal. Round Lewis Bros. and Co. tokens are known from Loyalton. Perhaps the Northwestern Stamps Works made the round tokens for the California business and then used the name (with "&" substituted for "and") for the example in their catalog.

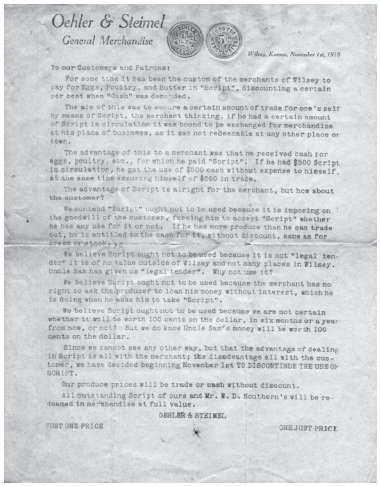
The circled numbers in ink to the right of the quantities ordered likely indicate the amount received. For example, 395 5¢ tokens were delivered for $4.25. Face value would have been $19.75. We do not know if there was an extra charge for the $3.00 and $5.00 tokens. Even if we assume there was, it would likely have been $4.50 ($2.25 for the first 100 of each). I doubt that there was an additional charge, as it would make sense to increase the order to 100 of each if there were. Francis and Riegel therefore received $932.75 in private "currency" for $26.50. They did not order 1¢ tokens, likely because they would cost slightly more than one cent each. Johnson and Oller catalog a Francis and Riegel 1¢ cardboard token, so we know they found a cheaper alternative to facilitate making change.

The invoice has one additional set of numbers written in ink in a different style. For example, the number 313 is to the left of the 5¢ order line. No number is opposite the .25¢ line. I do not know if the number is an accounting of the total number of pieces issued or the total number redeemed. Since all denominations are considered common, I suspect it was an inventory of the number actually released meaning all 400 of the .25¢ tokens were distributed. If all had been redeemed, the .25¢ tokens would be unknown today if the tokens were destroyed or otherwise cancelled.

All of the Francis and Riegel tokens I have encountered are countermarked "F. S." The elder partner, C. R. Francis died in 1910. It appears Frank S. Riegel countermarked the tokens with his initials to

indicate the change to sole proprietorship following his father-in-law's passing.

Francis and Riegel had one successful competitor in the grocery business that survived through various owners over a number of years. In 1906, W. D. Southern opened his own grocery about half a block away from Francis and Riegel. He sold to Oehler and Steimel around 1917 and they ran the business for about eight years before selling to new owners. Their announcement to withdraw their own trade checks and conduct business only in cash shows the difficulty they had in going head-to-head with the popular F. S. Riegel general store.



Oehler & Steimel
General Merchandise

Wilsey, Kansas, November 1st, 1918

To our Customers and Patrons:

For some time it has been the custom of the merchants of Wilsey to pay for Eggs, Poultry, and Butter in "Script", discounting a certain per cent when "Cash" was demanded.

The aim of this was to secure a certain amount of trade for one's self by means of Script, the merchant thinking, if he had a certain amount of Script in circulation it was bound to be exchanged for merchandise at his place of business, as it was not redeemable at any other place or town.

The advantage of this to a merchant was that he received cash for eggs, poultry, etc., for which he paid "Script". If he had $500 Script in circulation, he got the use of $500 cash without expense to himself, at the same time assuring himself of $500 in trade.

The advantage of Script is alright for the merchant, but how about the customer?

We contend "Script" ought not to be used because it is imposing on the goodwill of the customer, forcing him to accept "Script" whether he has any use for it or not. If he has more produce that he can trade out, he is entitled to the cash for it, without discount, same as for cream or stock.

We believe Script ought not to be used because it is not "legal tender" it is of no value outside of Wilsey and not many places in Wilsey. Uncle Sam has given us "legal tender". Why not use it?

We believe Script ought not to be used because the merchant has no right to ask the producer to loan him money without interest, which he is doing when he asks him to take "Script".

We believe Script ought not to be used because we are not certain whether it will be worth 100 cents on the dollar, in six months or a year from now, or not? But we do know Uncle Sam's money will be worth 100 cents on the dollar.

Since we cannot see any other way, but that the advantage of dealing in Script is all with the merchant; the disadvantage all with the customer, we have decided beginning November 1st TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF SCRIPT.

Our produce prices will be trade or cash without discount.

All Outstanding Script of ours and Mr. W. D. Southern's will be redeemed in merchandise at full value.

OEHLER & STEIMEL

JUST ONE PRICE ★ ONE JUST PRICE

Figure 6: The Oehler & Steimel letter to their customers announcing the reasons for the withdrawal of their trade tokens.

Oehler and Steimel addressed their intention to cease issuing "script" on November 1, 1918 and promised to redeem outstanding script in merchandise at full value. At some point, someone made a rubbing of their five-cent token at the top of the notice. Johnson and Oller rate the token as rare, suggesting that most were redeemed. The text is worth reproducing with comments:

> For some time it has been the custom of the merchants of Wilsey to pay for Eggs, Poultry, and Butter in "Script", discounting a certain per cent when "Cash" was demanded.
>
> *[Most goods sold in the markets were dried, canned, or otherwise preserved without the need for cold storage. In the early 1900s, ice cream was available at the meat market as that was the only business in town with the facilities for cold storage.]*
>
> The aim of this was to secure a certain amount of trade for one's self by means of Script, the merchant thinking, if he had a certain amount of Script in circulation it was bound to be exchanged for merchandise at his place of business, as it was not redeemable at any other place or town.
>
> *[In the earlier cited instance of coal company script, tokens circulated in town at a discount at other businesses dependent on operating in a company town. The same accommodation was likely not made in a small farming town.]*
>
> The advantage of this to the merchant was that he received cash for eggs, poultry, etc., for which he paid "Script". If he had $500 Script in circulation, he got the use of $500 cash without expense to himself, at the same time assuring himself of $500 in trade.
>
> The advantage of Script is alright for the merchant, but how about the customer?
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> We contend "Script" ought not to be used because it is imposing on the goodwill of the customer, forcing him to accept "Script" whether he has any use for it or not. If he has more produce that he can trade out, he is entitled to the cash for it, without discount, same as for cream or stock.
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> *[The argument here assumes customers were otherwise operating on a cash basis. If they were operating on a credit basis as the example from my own family in Oregon, then the customers would still be beholden to the business through their debts.*
>
> *The Evans history of Wilsey notes that Riegel loaned funds to families in need and purchased corn crops from customers when market demand was down, storing the corn until the market recovered. Evans reports that Riegel was viewed with admiration for his support of his customers through his credit practices. It is significant that he remained in business until he retired in the late 1950s, while competing businesses came and went over the years.]*
>
> We believe Script ought not to be used because the merchant has no right to ask the producer to loan him money without interest, which he is doing when he asks him to take "Script".
>
> *[Again, this argument assumes the tokens are used to buy product as opposed to being used to extend credit. It appears from the history of the town and the use of $1, $3, and $5 tokens that the Francis and Riegel tokens were used, at least in some instances, to extend credit.]*
>
> We believe Script ought not to be used because we are not certain whether it will be worth 100 cents on the dollar, in six months or a year from now, or not? But we do know Uncle Sam's money will be worth 100 cents on the dollar.
>
> *[Their argument presages the coal company scrip lawsuit in Kentucky. Private scrip maintains its value through trust in the issuer. It typically does not have a value outside the local area and usually has little or no value for other businesses. The history of Wilsey suggests local residents had faith in Frank Riegel. The fact that his tokens are considered common today suggests a good number went unredeemed when they fell out of use or that Riegel had little worry that they might become future obligations and therefore took few steps to ensure their cancellation or destruction.]*
>
> Since we cannot see any other way, but that the advantage of dealing in Script is all with the merchant; the disadvantage all with the customer, we have decided beginning November 1st TO

DISCONTINUE THE USE OF SCRIPT.

[If the advantage of scrip rested with the business and not the customer, it would seem that Oehler and Steimel would want to continue their use of scrip unless they were unable to compete successfully with Riegel. If they only issued a 5¢ token as cataloged by Johnson and Oller, then they likely did not participate in the credit business to the extent of the practice established by Francis and Riegel.]

Our produce prices will be trade or cash without discount.

All outstanding Script of ours and Mr. W. D. Southern's will be redeemed in merchandise at full value.

[This concluding passage suggests that the firm of Oehler and Steimel was using the tokens for purchasing fresh produce and not extending credit. In that instance, the five-cent token was likely sufficient for their need.]

The closing paragraph mentions tokens of W. D. Southern. Oehler and Steimel bought their store from Southern so their reference to the tokens suggests they acquired obligations in the form of outstanding tokens issued by Southern. No Southern tokens are recorded in Johnson and Oller, which suggests that they are extremely rare today if any have survived. Johnson and Oller do list a rare good for token from F.E. Taylor. Taylor owned or operated hardware stores throughout Kansas and speculated in real estate. He is listed as owning a house in Wilsey from 1910 to 1914, but no businesses. Perhaps he briefly operated a hardware store or provided product and tokens to the existing hardware business. I have not located any additional information about him.

The two pieces of ephemera cited here provide a first-hand look into local economics in small town Kansas in the early 1900s. I do not know how these two documents came to be preserved, but the information about Wilsey, Kansas available on the Internet suggests its residents are proud of their history and are actively engaged in its preservation. Perhaps a Wilsey descendant chose to preserve these documents by placing them in the hands of a numismatist rather than consigning them to the trash, as would normally be the case with obsolete business records.

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AND BANQUET IN ROSEMONT

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Wednesday, August 14
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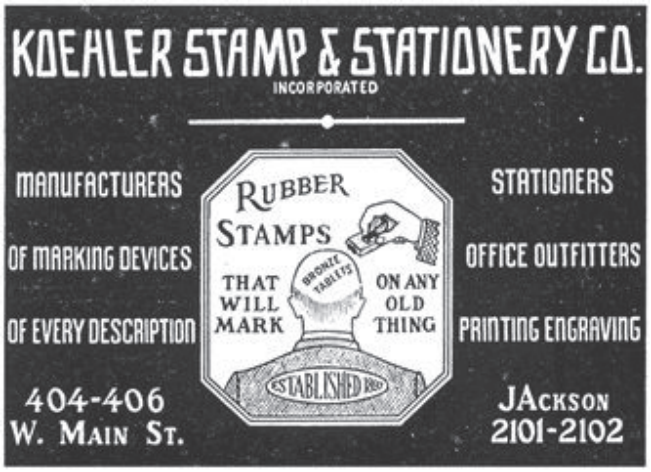

KOEHLER STAMP AND STATIONERY COMPANY

Louisville, Kentucky

Although the Koehler Stamp and Stationery Company was established in 1893, it wasn't incorporated until March 6, 1915, at which time the incorporators, Henry A. Koehler, George A. Koehler, and H. H. Huffaker, issued $15,000 worth of capital stock. During its early years the company evidently didn't do much, if any, newspaper advertising. I've been unable to learn much about Koehler's activities during the first twenty years of the firm's existence.

Business wasn't always good. In March 1924 Koehler went into receivership, with assets of $4500 and liabilities of $5400 listed. Eventually the company was reorganized soon thereafter with Julius Schmutz as president. Schmutz was well qualified to lead the business; he was also president of the Schmutz Manufacturing Company, a successful Louisville firm that manufactured large printing machinery and other items.

Evidently it didn't take Schmutz long to point his new company in the right direction. An article in the July 20, 1925 issue of *The Courier-Journal* newspaper proclaimed that the Koehler Stamp and Stationery Company was one of the largest manufacturers of rubber stamps in the South, and while that might have been conjecture on the part of the reporter, this was definitely one of the main products offered by the firm. Fourteen years later an article in the same newspaper enumerated many of the other products produced by Koehler, including bronze name plates and tablets, license plates, and metal trade checks.

I have not seen Koehler's signature on any trade tokens, although they advertised them among various other products that they produced. Signs on an undated photograph of the company's building at 402-404 West Main Street advertise "brass and enamel signs," and "metal trade checks." The illustrated 33mm token, which is struck in gilt brass, only mentions marking devices, which seems to have been Koehler's most

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important product. It is listed by Paul Cunningham as 28-910 in his award-wining catalog, *Lincoln's Metallic Imagery*, which was published in 2015. Paul also lists the piece in nickel plated brass.

In 1973 Koehler Stamp and Stationery Company moved to a 13,000 square foot facility at 100 West Liberty Street. Some of the company's manufacturing was done by Schmutz Manufacturing Company at 100 West Main Street. By the early 1990s Koehler had been purchased by Best Stamp and Seal Company, Incorporated, a firm that had been in business for more than fifty years, operating out of a 40,000 square foot historic building at 631 West Main Street. Best Stamp also purchased another Louisville competitor, Brakmeier Brothers, and this company will be discussed in a future column.

The intent of this column, which is an on-going feature of the *TAMS Journal*, is to share some of the information in my files. Most of the articles will feature the more obscure makers. Readers having questions, suggestions, or even criticisms are encouraged to contact me at dschenkman@verizon.net

UNLISTED EMBOSSED SHELL CARD SURFACES

I purchased this card recently, and have been unable to learn anything about the issuer. It is unlisted in Dave Bowers' wonderful new catalog, *Guide to U.S. Shell Cards 1867-1880*, which he generously donated to TAMS for publication. There are numerous references to a notary public named William H. Cook in Rochester newspapers, but he was born in 1858, so would have only been about ten years old when the card was issued. Possibly his father had the same name. I'd be interested in hearing from anyone having Rochester, New York business directories of the period.

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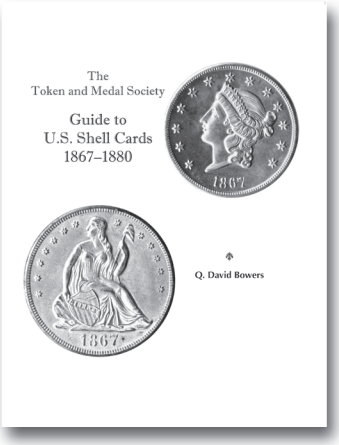

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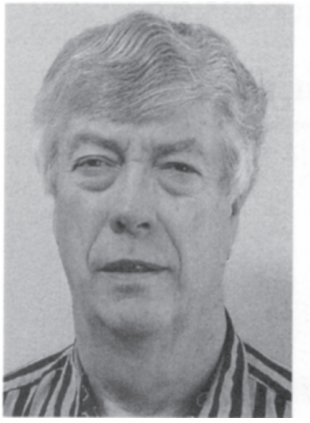

Recently I was made aware of a project that has been undertaken by the Library Innovation Lab of the Harvard University Law School Library. These people have just finished digitizing 40 million pages of every territorial, state, Native American, and federal legal case from 1658 to 2018. The Caselaw Access Project ("CAP") expands free public access to U.S. law. From their website, case.law: "Our goal is to make all published U.S. court decisions freely available to the public online, in a consistent format, digitized from the collection of the Harvard Law Library."

I haven't explored their site beyond putting in a name of a case I knew. It was a case that was used to attribute a maverick, #11735, Grignon & Coughanour, several years ago, and the specific case number appeared in the search results. There was a lot of other information that appeared as well, and I have not yet looked further.

Legal cases may only be helpful with a few mavericks, but in my newspaper research I have read many articles where individuals and businesses have been hauled into court over liquor, gambling, bad debt, and other issues that should be findable on this site. This project has not (yet, at least) included local court cases, so keep that in mind as you explore this site.

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Attributed by: John Byars
References: 1882-83 Philadelphia, PA City Directories (Robert Jardine, Jr. - Segars - 3334 Ridge Av)

4886: C. H. TURTLE CO., St. Augustine, FL
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: 1924-30 St. Augustine, FL City Directories (Charles H. Turtle Co. - Jewelers - 57 King St.) Probably a badge to be affixed to a jewelry box rather than a token.

5327: JAY SEMANS, Union City, OH
Attributed by: John Mutch
Reference: WWI Draft Registration (Jay McKay Semans - Restaurant Proprietor - Union City, OH)

6381: TASHO / CANDIES & CIGARS, Lorain, OH
Attributed by: John Mutch
Reference: 1929 Lorain, OH City Directory (Petre Tasho - Conf, Cigars, Soft Drinks, Lunch - 1904 E. 28th)

8030: W. F. SHEPPARD, Blanchard, OK
Attributed by: Larry Oller
Reference: 1922 OK Dun Directory (W. F. Sheppard – Grocery)

10281: HOTEL NASH BAR, Medford, OR
Attributed by: Mike Gross, John Mutch
References: Gross' OR Supplement, 8 Nov 1895 *The Medford Mail* ("Shorty" Hamilton has greatly improved the appearance of his Hotel Nash bar room.), 21 Aug 1908 (B. I. Stoner is manager of the Hotel Nash bar.) Note that I left this attribution out of the Sep-Oct 2018 issue. Thanks to Randy Partin for spotting the omission.

11565: FAIRVIEW TURN HALL, Fairview neighborhood of Chicopee, MA
Attributed by: Greg Cole, John Byars, Richard Greever
References: 1930-63 Chicopee & Holyoke, MA City Directories (Fairview Turn Hall - 32 Quincy Ave)

11581: JAS S. BELL / PASTEURIZED MILK, Ferndale, MI
Attributed by: Luke Johnson
References: 1924 Ferndale, MI City Directory (James S. Bell - Milk Dealer - 524 Pearson Av. W.), 1933 (Bell's Dairy - James S. Bell - Quality Dairy Products - 481 E. 9 Mile Rd)

18600: J. A. BISHOP & CO. / ICE, Ladonia, TX
Attributed by: James Kattner
References: 1 Nov 1913 *Ice and Refrigeration Illustrated* (J. A. Bishop & Co., recently organized in June, is building a 10-ton ice making plant.), 1910 Census (John A. Bishop - Farmer), 1914 TX Bradstreet Directory (Mfrs. Ice and Gin)

18602: J. L. SCHNEITER / 636 SHIPP ST., Louisville, KY
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: WWI Draft Registration (John L. Schneiter, Jr. - Saloon Keeper - 636 Shipp - Louisville, KY), 1916 Louisville, KY City Directory (J. L. Schneiter - Saloon - 636 W. Shipp av), 1920-37 (John L. Schneiter - Soft Drinks - 636 W. Shipp av)

18607: J. KLOEHR, Coffeeville, KS
Attributed by: John Mutch
Reference: 1880 Census (Joseph Kloehr - Hotel Keeper)

18608: J. V. ECHOLS / CITY BARBER SHOP, Thorndale, TX
Attributed by: John Mutch
References: 1910 Census (John V. Echols - Barbershop), WWI Draft Rgistration (John Verdy Echols - Barber), 1920 Census (John Echols - Barber - City)

18847: IND. BRG. CO. / C. V. B., Carnegie, PA
Attributed by: Larry Dziubek
Reference: Aqua's PA Book (Independent Brewing Co. - Chartiers Valley Brewery)

18857: JOHN REINHOFER, Racine, WI
Attributed by: John Mutch, Eric Meyer
References: 1912 Racine, WI City Directory (John Reinhofer - Bar Keeper - 1315 Washington Av), 1914-16 Racine, WI City Directories (Saloon & Restaurant)

18858: N. V. LIBERATORE / VENICE CAFE, Elmira, NY
ATTRIBUTED BY: Erik Meyer
REFERENCES: 29 May 1911 *Star-Gazette*, Elmira, NY ad: (N. V. Liberatore - Venice Cafe - 701 Railroad ave. corner Fifth), 1910 Elmira, NY City Directory (Nicholas V. Liberatore - Liquors - 701 Railroad ave)

18866: W. D. EISNER / CIGAR STORE AND BILLIARD PARLOR, Oroville, CA
Attributed by: John Mutch, Erik Meyer
References: 1910 Census (Wolf D. Eisner - Retail Merchant - Cigar Store), 1911-15 Oroville, CA City Directories (Cigars & Tobacco - 525 Montgomery)

18932: CRISPIN'S STRAWBERRIES, Wilton Junction, IA
Attributed by: Larry Laevens, Nick Martin
References: *Quad-City Times*, 5 Jun 1936, *The Muscatine Journal and News-Tribune* 14 Apr 1938, *Iowa City Press-Citizen* 19 Jun 1940 ads (Crispin's Strawberries - Wilton Junction)

18933: GEO. L. DAHLING / 10021 EWING AVE., Chicago, IL
Attributed by: John Byars
Reference: 1907 Chicago, IL City Directory (George L. Dahlin - Cigars - 10021 Ewing Ave)

18935: T. DORA & SON / PHONE NO. 693, Muscatine, IA
Attributed by: Richard Greever, Nick Martin
References: 1929-34 Muscatine, IA City Directories (T. Dora & Son - Thos. B. & Raymond B. Dora - Expressing & Moving - 117 Sherman), 6 Jan 1930 *The Muscatine Journal and News-Tribune* ad (T. Dora & Son - Commercial and Long-Distance Hauling - Phone 693), WWII Draft Registration Card (Thomas Bass Dora - Phone 693 - T. Dora & Son Transfer Co.)

18938: JAN - VAR TAVERN / 1364 W. MADISON ST., West Chicago, IL
Attributed by: Nick Martin, John Mutch
References: *Suburbanite Economist* newspaper 4 Mar 1959, *The Garfeldian* 19 Dec 1962 (Jan Var Tavern - 1364 Madison)

18994: R. KORTEMEYER, St. Louis, MO
Attributed by: John Mutch, John Byars, Bruce Smith
References: 1933 St. Louis, MO Telephone Directory, 1936 City Directory (Robert Kortemeyer - Baker - 922 Geyer av), 1930 Census (Robert Kortemeyer - Bakery), (1940 Census (Bakery Shop Proprietor)

19057: DIMLING, Pittsburgh, PA
Attributed by: Larry Dziubek
References: 1881 Pittsburgh, PA City Directory (Geo Dimling - Eating Saloon - 17 Diamond square), 1909 (Saloon)

New Listings

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John D. Mutch
7931 W. Crestwood Dr.
Boise, ID 83704-3022
E-mail: tokens@gmail.com

19143
L. C. WAGNER
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / AT BAR
23.5mm Rd Br

19144
WEINERT / & / GEBHARD
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / AT BAR
24mm Rd Br

19145
WHITE EAGLE / GROVE / PAVLAK
5
25mm Rd Al

19146
C. WIESLER / GOOD FOR / 5¢ / AT THE BAR / IN TRADE (All Inc)
Plain
28.5mm Rd Br

19147
BOYD WRIGHT / W
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
21mm Rd Br

19148
WRIGHTS MODERN / DAIRY / SELECTED MILK
GOOD FOR / 1 / QUART MILK
22.5mm Rd Br

19149
COIN & HENNINGER
GOOD FOR / 2½¢ / IN / MERCHANDISE
21mm Rd Al

19150
COVA'S PLACE (Inc) / GOOD FOR / 5¢
Plain
23mm Rd Al

19151
PHIL. KOERPER / 5
(Eagle on Shield) / MEYER & ILLIG ST. L.
20.5mm Rd Br

19152
EMIL / DORNER / LAHR
10
20mm Rd Br

19153
GOOD FOR / 5c. / N. I. JONES. (All Inc)
Plain (c/s W. E. R)
21mm Rd Br

19154
T. FITNAM. JR.
Blank
23mm Rd Br

19155
THE CROWN / THEO. M. (All Inc)
Same
26mm Oc Br

19156
COLEMAN'S ENTERTAINMENT / MASKS / AND / (Mask) / FACES
EVERY EVENING / AT / 8 / O,CLOCK
31.5mm Rd Pw (Reeded edge)

19157
AMENIA HOUSE / 5¢ (All Inc)
Plain
23.5mm Rd Np

19158
ASK US ABOUT / APSCO'S FREE / CHRISTMAS / BONUS COUPONS / GOOD OCT. 1, 1959 / THROUGH DEC. 31, 1959
(Morgan dollar reverse)
38mm Rd Cb(Blk w/Wht)

19159
BOTTLE & CHECK / 5c / BOYER'S
Plain
24mm Rd Br

19160
REDEEMABLE IN TRADE ONLY / 5¢ / BROUGHTON COMMISSARY
5¢
35.5mm Rd Pl(Yel)

19161
BULLFROG / INN / JAMESTOWN
GOOD FOR / 10¢ / IN TRADE / AT BAR
20mm Rd Al

19162
CARNEY & WILBUR / LUNCH / COUNTER
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
25.5mm Oc Al

19163
CHARM DRY CLEANERS / APPRECIATION / TOKEN
WORTH / 50¢ / WITH CLEANING / ORDER OF $2. / OR MORE.
32mm Rd Al

19164
CHRISTMAS / 5 / SOCK
CHRISTMAS / $5 / SOCK
28mm Rd Al

19165
COMMERCIAL / HOUSE / CIGAR / STAND
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE / C. W. HODGE
21mm Rd Br

19166
DEW DROP / INN / J. I. KOST / 1931
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
20mm Rd Al

19167
ENGLESIDE / CYCLE / CLUB / INCORP.
5
24mm Rd Al

19168
GEORGS-PALAST / 15
15
16mm Rd Br

19169
YR (Logo)
GOOD FOR ONE / GRANDSTAND / ADMISSION
35mm Rd Br

19170
H. K. & CO.
Blank
21mm Rd Br

19171
JAEGEL BROS.
GOOD FOR / 5 CENT / DRINK
21mm Rd Br

19172
KATESGROVE / IRON WORKS / DINNER
Blank
23.5x39mm Sn Cu

19173
J. KRYCUN
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
23.5mm Rd Br

19174
L. B. & CO. / LUNCH
Plain
25mm Oc Br

19175
T. E. / LINEHAN
GOOD FOR / 5 / CENTS / IN TRADE
24mm Rd Br

19176
LIVINGSTON'S / SMOKE SHOP
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
24.5mm Rd Al

19177
D. MADURO / ON THE / HEIGHTS
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
20mm Rd Br

19178
McCOY BRICK & TILE CO. (c/s R)
Plain (c/s R)
25mm Rd Br

19179
MILLEGAN
GOOD FOR / 2½¢ / IN TRADE
25mm Oc Al

19180
MILLIGAN
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
21mm Rd Al

19181
P. NIXON & SON
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
24.5mm Rd Al

19182
OUTCALT / CAFE
285 / N. HIGH / ST.
24mm Rd Al

19183
JOHN / OWENS
GOOD FOR / 15¢ / IN TRADE
25mm Rd Al

19184
PARKSCHOUWBURG / A.
25
24mm Rd Br

19185
REVERE HOUSE / T. J. COE (All Inc)
61 (Inc)
34mm Rd Br

19186
SLACKY'S / TAVERN
GOOD FOR / 25¢ / IN TRADE
21mm Sq Sn

19187
C. A. SHORTLIDGE
GOOD FOR ¢5¢ / IN TRADE
26mm Rd Al

19188
SPERRY / CANDY / CO.
5
24mm Rd Br

19189
STATIC CLUB / 5¢ / FOR TRADE ONLY
TRICK / 3
34mm Rd Al

19190
L. THOMPSON / PHONE / BELMONT / 1014 / 4301 GRAND AVE.
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN DRINKS
24mm S8 Al

19191
UNION / TOKEN
(Design)
19mm Rd Al

19192
U. S. - E. F. C. / A. I. S. C.
WETBASIN - 2 / (Inc Number)
32mm Rd Br

19193
VIENNA / CAFE
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE / WRIGHT CIN. O.
25x29.5mm S32 Al

19194
WHITE / HORSE / POOL / ROOM
GOOD FOR / 25¢ / IN TRADE
28.5mm Rd Al

19195
YE OLDE TIME / GRILL / WALSH / & / SCHECK
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE / AT BAR
21mm Oc Al

19196
JOHN / ZINK
GOOD FOR / ONE / PINT
21mm Rd Al

19197
A. L. BLACKSHARE (Inc) / 5c / IN MDSE (Inc)
Plain
28mm Rd Br

19198
PHILLIP / SIPE
GOOD FOR / 50¢ / IN TRADE
31mm Rd Br

19199
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / CREAM / I. R. CHEANEY (All Inc)
Plain
26mm Oc Br

19200
MARK / EDWARDS
GOOD FOR / 5¢ / IN TRADE
25mm Rd Br

TAMS SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members

Mem#	Name	State	Collects	Sponsor
8667	Greg Brown	WV	West Virginia Tokens	James Brokamp
8668	Timothy Webb	SC	Civil War Store cards	
8669	Joel T. Bundy	VA	Washingtoniana	

Resigned

3584	John Sprovieri	IL
3715	John Yarwood	Australia
4013	Dennis J. Lutz	ND
5479	L.T. Wells	MA
7386	Charles Kiracofe VA	

Disbanded

136	California Exon.Society	CA

Deceased

8479	George E. Casey CA	

Submitted by
Kathy Freeland
1/10/19

We continue to receive dues payments, but we have over 200 more to renew. Please take a few minutes and send your payment for the 2019 dues. Also remember that you can use Paypal to pay your dues.

All dues go to: Mark Lighterman, 5224 West SR 46, #408 Sanford, FL 32771

From the President

By Ernie Nagy

The Token and Medal Society is comprised of over 600 members with interests in the diverse nooks, crannies, artistry, and tangents of tokens and medals. The focal point of the conversation about our collections is the TAMS Journal. This publication has for 58 years documented our study of the intersection of numismatics and history. We are now fortunate to have Eric Schena, an accomplished numismatic researcher and author as editor of the TAMS Journal. Eric fits well into the storied list of editors since Vol. 1 No. 1 was edited by George Fuld in April 1961.

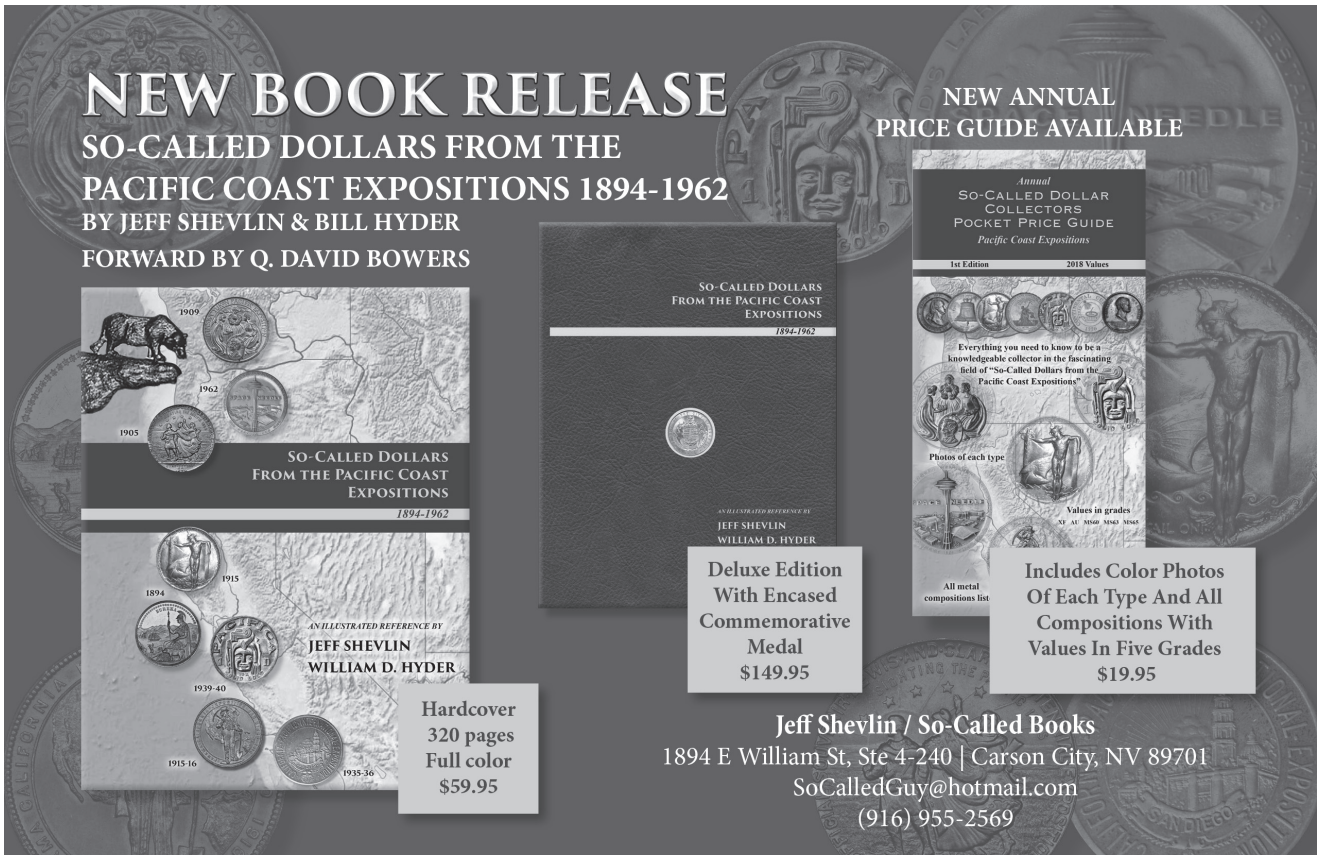
In the last year, examples of subjects our members have shared in their articles have described: an esoteric slice of 1920's German culture gleaned from a token found in a dealers junk box; the discovery of a long sought after image of the Gold Medal awarded to the composer of "God Bless America", Irving Berlin; and a topic I never would have imagined would yield as wide a collection as was documented - carousel or 'merry go round' tokens. Likely all TAMS members have their own list of articles they learned from and enjoyed in 2018. I am looking forward to what will be uncovered by contributors to the TAMS Journal in 2019.

In addition to the feature articles, the TAMS Journal recurring columns add depth to our club publication. Paul Cunningham's "Fifty Years Ago In TAMS" surveys editions of our Journals from each of the five decades it has been published. This column reminds us all of the expanse of knowledge available in our journal archives. When perusing Paul's inventory at a major show, I am frequently surprised by the insight he has on various tokens and medals he offers for sale. I suppose this comes from decades of collecting and dealing tokens and medals. Paul's review of the back issues of the TAMS Journal no doubt contributes to his recall of information as well.

Each issue contains the valuable Mavericks column, which has been curated by John Mutch for the past 29 years. The enjoyment of collecting trade tokens is enhanced with the ability to attribute the town and merchant when it is not readily apparent. John has built a database of over 20 thousand maverick tokens including both those attributed and not. During his tenure as mavericks editor, he has established attribution standards which are frequently discussed in the opening paragraphs of his column. Most valuable, in my opinion, is his sharing of resources used to tie an ambiguous token inscription to a city, state, merchant and time period. Two of the more useful webpages I learned about in recent Mavericks columns include *theancestorhunt.com*, containing links to hundreds of online newspapers and *archive.org*, a searchable repository of online texts freely available from various libraries and government entities. I have recently set up a bookmark folder on my PC to store the research websites John shares in his column.

It is also interesting to peruse the Market Place classifieds to see what other TAMS members are offering or seeking. The opportunity to place a free ad is a great benefit to members. The updates from the TAMS Secretary, Editor and President apprise us of the business activity of the club. All in all, the TAMS Journal is the showcase of our Society.

Happy Collecting!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Wanted: Good for / One Meal / Bird Bros. // Manuf'd. by / C. W. Wadsworth / Springfield, O. round brass (TC-#276525 attributed to Passaic, NJ) Ja.brokamp7@gmail.com

Communion Tokens For Sale or Trade , Larry Dziubek P.O. Box 235, Connoquenessing, PA 16027 or LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

For Sale: Coal Scrip collection, 226 pcs., sold as a lot - best offer. Please contact me by phone, 414-425-5444 or email-tcasper57@hotmail.com for a list

Wanted Heraldic Art Metals, Colorado Statehood, Florida Territory, Valley Forge, French Alliance & American Bicentennial. Email donalde71@gmail.com

Seeking medals/tokens marking the grand opening of then-new rail lines, also unusual railroad-related items; any nation, flexible w/condition. Roy Lush, Box 3333, Lantana, FL, 33465.

Lincoln Correctional Center // Blank Reverse. Lincoln NE Prison Token. Listed in Zara. $ 4.00 + SASE. Steven Kawalec P.O. Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012 Owlprowler@aol.com

OHIO-OHIO Cardboard merchant chits from Ohio wanted! Chits "Good for 5c in trade", "Good for loaf of bread", etc. Email Jim: Ja.brokamp7@gmail.com

For Sale: United States Swastika Collection 1907-1936 by Gary Patterson. Tokens, Medals, Watch Fobs & Good Luck Charms. Over 2000 pieces, cataloged and documentation. Accepting Bids & Questions Email g184@comcast.net

Wanted: particularly poignant / poetic / pretty / peculiar pieces praising Mom/Motherhood. Was caregiver 15 years, lost Mom in 2017, melancholy ever since, desire for display in her honor! Roy Lush, Box 3333, Lantana, FL 33465.

Need Sofspra car wash tokens: Santa Barbara, CA; Many, LA; Huntsville, AL; Lynden, WA; Temperance, MI; Amsterdam, NC; Clemmons, NC. Larry Dziubek P.O. Box 235 Connoquenessing, PA 16027 or LCDZIUBEK@zoominternet.net

Kentucky exonumia wanted: trade tokens, coal mine scrip, encased coins, advertising fobs & mirrors, early medals, more. Collections bought. Jerome Schaeper Jr - jschaeperjr@aol.com

Selling: ANA Convention Badges Incomplete set of 23 ANA Annual Badges 1950-1993, 8 Mid-Year Badges 1978-1987, 5 Special Medal Sets. 44 medals total, 4 are Silver. Email vince.swift@comcast.net for list. 1 price for all.

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Swenson's Confect'nery G/F 5 Cents I/T. Maverick yellow cardboard token 28mmX43mm. $2.00 + SASE. Steven Kawalec P.O. Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012 Owlprowler@aol.com

Wanted: Any tokens from Orrville, Ohio. Ray Leisy ally1953@sssnet.com

For Sale: Collection of Boy Scout wooden nickels, 184 pcs. Best offer. Tom Casper, 414-425-5444 or tcasper57@hotmail.com

Wanted USA WW2 Internment Camp Tokens and POW paper chits. I need the scarce pieces, have trades or $. davideseelye@gmail.com

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Queen Anne Packing Co. - Queen Ann, MD, 3 Different Brass Picker Tokens $ 4.00 + SASE (70 Cents Postage). Kawalec Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012 owlprowler@aol.com

Panama-Pacific Expo: The Story of the Exposition by Frank Morton Todd, five vols. (1921) Hardbound, generally good condition but with shelf wear, occasional pen or pencil marks on the flyleaves, light foxing in places, one flyleaf is partially loose. Available for $250 from Jerry Schimmel: jschim40@sbcglobal.net or P.O. Box 40888 San Francisco 94140.

Wanted: South Dakota business directories or gazatters 1884-1920, but not 1904 0r 1916. Joe Elrod, 5433 US Hwy 221, Sparta, NC28675

Wanted Columbus, Ohio encased Dan Rich drich@columbus.rr.com or bring to Columbus Coin Show 3rd Sunday every month!

A & P / Bar // Good For / 5c / In Trade. Red Fibre, oct, 21mm. $ 1.00 & SASE (70 Cents Postage) Kawalec Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012.

Wanted USA WW2 Internment Camp tokens and POW paper Chits. I need scarce pieces, have trades or $. davideseelye@gmail.com

Wanted: TAMS Assemblage Medals 1993 Baltimore and 1999 Chicago in Silver and Bronze. Email Eric Goossens at eric.goossens@maritime.edu

Wanted the following 1914 Ingle tokens: E C Swigart, R E L Good & Merriman's Grocery. Email to inglecal@sbcglobal.net

Thum's White Elephant Bowling Alleys 60+ page B&W pamphlet of 25 year span of this series. $8.00 ppd, P Lajoie, PO Box 61251, Longmeadow, Mass. 01116-1251.

CONFEDERATE NUMISMATICA, Part 1: Forerunners through 1889. Tokens, Politicals, Coins, Currency, Medals, Badges, Ribbons, Historical Notes and Price Guide - Peter Bertram www.ConfederateNumismatica.com.

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The Editor's Notebook

Quite a number of the best known numismatists have also dipped their feet into the world of exonumia. Tokens and medals have long attracted collectors who have started out in coins and wanted to expand their horizons into lesser well-travelled avenues. Some of us have always liked the more obscure and esoteric specialties both in coins and in tokens. Such was the case with my friend Jim Farr. Jim's primary field of expertise was in the realm of Eurasian and Central Asian numismatics, especially the coins of the successors of Chinggis Khan's son, Jochi. I met Jim about twenty years ago on eBay; I had been collecting medieval Russian "wire" money since high school and he had a few coins for sale. He had a couple struck under the Golden Horde, who had occupied the lands of what is now Russia and parts of Eastern Europe from the thirteenth century and survived in bits and pieces well into the reign of Catherine the Great. He and I struck up a friendship - he knew Islamic coins and I knew Russian coins - and communicated with each other for many years. I had found out that he also liked to collect Florida tokens and wooden nickels and other related exonumia from the state he had called home. A true scholar's scholar, Jim was always willing to share whatever knowledge he had on particular subjects, lend a hand in transcribing and translating harder to read Islamic inscriptions, and put me in touch with other fellow collectors around the world. Today, the core of my collection of coins issued by the Golden Horde and the Giray Khanate of Crimea is comprised of many specimens from Jim's holdings, as well as a significant portion of my library. I am still very much interested in these coins and have even been working on publishing a hoard of Giray beshlyks that I bought from Jim.

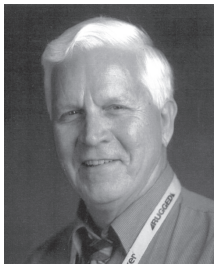
He did not write many articles, but maintained an exhaustive numismatic library and bibliography. Before he died, he shared with me an article he wrote on a medal from Royal Palm State Park that very much demonstrated his passion for exonumia and the historical approach he took to numismatics as a whole. His article is reprinted here with my sincere thanks and gratitude. *Requiescat in pace*, Jim, and thank you.

I welcome any article submissions, suggestions, and comments to me at eschena@hotmail.com. For those members who do not use email and wish to submit any articles via postal mail, I can be reached at (540) 931-6032 so we can discuss the best way to submit any works for publication.

Eric Schena

Fifty Years Ago in TAMS

By Paul Cunningham



50 Years Ago (TAMS Issue 1969, Number 1) – Ralph Mitchell, nick-named "Curly," commented about the organization being like an athletic team in his Presidential message. Robert J. Lindesmith wrote of the ***Medals of U.S. Agricultural Associations, Institutes and Societies*****;** in doing so, he pictures seven medals and describes dozens from most of the states. Lindesmith also pictured and described a Civil War token of ***WM. F. Lutz, a Civil War Engraver of Cincinnati, Ohio***. Gunter W. Kienast shared with us the ***German Flying Aces of World War I on Medals***; we find that the Germans were often celebrating the acts of their pilots on wonderfully produced medals. Several short articles about ***A French Relief Chit of 1848*** and ***Rare Shell Cards Discovered*** by David Schenkman rounded out this issue's offerings. By the way, Mr. Mitchell was basically bald!

40 Years Ago – TAMS produced one of the finest efforts in years with an excellent Journal and the first ***Supplement [of] The Trade Tokens of Texas.*** The Supplement lists thousands of tokens and hundreds of new towns. Authors William E. Fowler and Harry L. Strough had invested years in studying and researching for this book. Jim Wright gathered up a bunch of mirrors for his article ***Mining Camp Mirrors***. These may well be entitled "good for mirrors," as each is "good for" a drink or some small change for some kind of "trade." This issue is full of great articles, such as Paul Dillingham's ***Tennessee's Iron Age***, a story of the Warner Iron Co., Kurt Krueger's ***Meet Me in St. Louie Medals and Pinbacks.*** Note that this author has been gathering information for years about the former Wisconsin State Building from the 1904 World's Fair (see a picture from page 14 in this issue); Christensen and Stone's advertisement offering nearly 400 different food stamp token sets; C.M. Lawrence's ***Alaska Bingles***; and Werner Mayer's ***The Colossus of Coney.***

30 Years Ago – Richard Clothier presents something that rivals the hobby of collecting baseball cards! ***Armour Baseball Tokens***. With pictures! Joel Reznick shared one of his loves with us **– *The Chevrolet Advertising Campaign of 1948***. Joel lists hundreds of encased 1948 Lincoln cents and pictures many for our pleasure. Thomas Gardner researches the ***Woman on the Back of the Mirror***. Evelyn Nesbit may well be the most pictured person on the good for mirrors of the approximate 1910 era and she had a most interesting background to go with that smiling face. Robert Ross III presents **Notes on K.K.K. Tokens, Part Ten** of a series.

20 Years Ago – James Lawniczak tantalizes us ***with Encased Cents in General, Part One of Two Parts***; this is little more than an introduction to encased coins; we think that the real deal will be in the next issue, where Lawniczak describes and pictures many rare and unusual encased coins. Encased half cents, exceptional shapes and encased gold, like a twenty-dollar gold piece! An article describing a single token in only four and a half pages – ***The Lobby Bar Token of Las Vegas, New Mexico: Numismatic Relic of a Wild West Town*** – has to have something going for it. A must read. David Ganz's ***Frank Sinatra's Medal*** is another must read. We thank David Schenkman for his ***Counterfeit, Restrike and Fantasy Token Update***.

10 Years Ago – Most of us have probably heard of the ***Vote the Land Free*** counterstamp which has appeared on a number of coins. Robert Merchant Jr. fills in the facts that surrounds this interesting piece and how its related to the National Rifle Association! D. Wayne Johnson brings us ***Part 5 of Abraham Lincoln on Coins, Medals and Tokens Listed by Their Artist Creators***. You could probably count on one hand the number of collectors who would not mind having a gold token is his or her collection! Fred Holabird describes in detail a gold nugget token from a far-away location in ***The Sealey, LaTouche, Alaska Gold Nugget Token, Charles E. Sealy, Latouche, AK***. A must read. Sit down and write an article about your favorite token or medal and send it along to the TAMS Journal Editor. **AND DO IT TODAY!**

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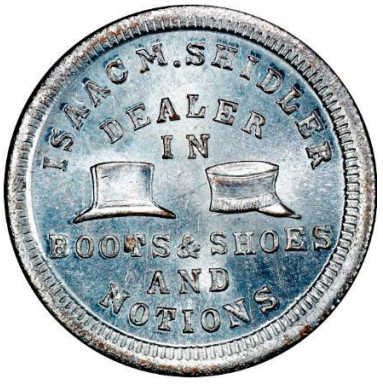

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